IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17 and 24-28, and add new claims 29-32 as follows:

1-17.   (Canceled).

18.   (Currently Amended) A method for best effort delivery messaging for a recipient user agent, comprising the steps of:

as directed by the recipient user agent, forming one or more surrogate proxy user agents utilizing a session initiation protocol for the recipient user agent; and

through operation of the surrogate proxy user agents, storing managing storage of multimedia data for the recipient user agent due to one or both of (a) unavailability of the recipient user agent and (b) request by the receiving recipient user agent.

19.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, the step of storing comprising registering the surrogate proxy user agents with a registration entity such that notification events on changes of the recipient user agent's availability are received by the surrogate proxy user agents.

20.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of attempting delivery of the multimedia data when the recipient user agent becomes available.

21.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of ranking the multimedia data for sequentially-ordered delivery of the multimedia data when the recipient user agent becomes available.

22.   (Currently Amended) A method for best effort delivery messaging for a sending user agent, comprising the steps of:

forming from a list of one or more receiving user agents specified by the sending user agent; and, forming at least one or more surrogate proxy user agents utilizing a session initiation protocol for each of the receiving user agents; and

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through operation of the surrogate proxy user agent, ~~buffering~~ managing storage of multimedia data for its respective receiving user agent until the receiving user agent is disposed to receive the multimedia data.

23.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, the step of ~~buffering~~ managing comprising managing the multimedia data as distributed across a network, and further comprising one or more of prefixing, appending, inserting, combining, and mixing other data with the multimedia data, and one or more of blanking, deleting, and filtering the multimedia data.

24-28. (Cancelled).

29.   (New) The method of claim 18, the step of forming further comprising utilizing one or more media stream proxies with a realtime transport protocol.

30.   (New) The method of claim 29, the step of managing further comprising utilizing one or more media stream proxies with a realtime transport protocol.

31.   (New) The method of claim 22, the step of forming further comprising utilizing one or more media streams proxies with a realtime transport protocol.

32.   (New) The method of claim 31, the step of managing further comprising utilizing one or more media stream proxies with a realtime transport protocol.

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